

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Jaime Pittenger, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Dr. Christina Howard, University of Kentucky, Department of Pediatrics; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Steve Shannon, Executive Director, KARP; Shelley Wood, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Lisa Gabbard as proxy for Angela Yannelli, Executive Director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist, University of Louisville; Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board, Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Judge Libby Messer, Judge Fayette Family Court; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; and Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police

Welcome:

Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members the Kids Are Worth It! Conference is ongoing and a keynote speaker is scheduled to begin today at noon. Therefore, the meeting will be adjourned on time today.

A special thanks to Dr. Christina Howard for recommending a MAT provider to join the panel as an expert. Dr. Michael Kindred has agreed to sit on the panel as an expert in the field of Medication-Assisted Treatment. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict Dr. Kindred could not join the meeting today.

Judge Murphy advised the panel there are 182 cases that need to be reviewed for FY19. To date the panel has completed 70 case reviews, 59 cases are ready for the panel's review, 32 cases are pending analyst review and 21 cases still need to be uploaded by DCBS. Of course the annual report is due December 1st, however, the panel will likely have to request an extension for that deadline. The panel discussed adding additional meeting dates in order to complete the reviews. The panel will meet on September 21st, October 12th, October 13th, November 9th, November 23rd and December 14th from 9:00 a.m. till noon.

A quick follow up on the determination definitions, the panel did adopt the definition of torture used by child abuse pediatrics and agreed to add an additional category to track ligature hanging. Additional research is ongoing regarding assessing and tracking serial relationships.

The Department for Public Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health is currently drafting their annual Neonatal Abstinence Report. Panel members stated they would like to include the plan of safe care recommendation, especially those cases where DCBS is not involved with that child.

Reminder, there will be no presentations for Triage 3 cases. However, they have been assigned to panel groups for review. Several of these cases will be removed from the data set because the death did not

involve abuse or neglect. Panel members agreed to allow staff to prescreen cases from the local fatality review teams to ensure they meet criteria.

Case Review:

The following cases were reviewed by the Panel. A case summary of findings and recommendations are attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
3	F-043-19-PH	Joel Griffith
4	F-046-19-PH	Joel Griffith
1	F-058-19-PH	Joel Griffith
2	F-059-19-PH	Joel Griffith
3	F-060-19-PH	Joel Griffith
4	F-061-19-PH	Joel Griffith
1	F-064-19-PH	Joel Griffith
2	F-065-19-PH	Joel Griffith
3	F-074-19-PH	Joel Griffith
4	F-075-19-PH	Joel Griffith
1	NF-105-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-001-19-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-078-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-090-19-NC	Joel Griffith
4	NF-063-19-NC	Joel Griffith
1	NF-072-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-037-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-096-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-066-19-PH	Joel Griffith
1	NF-011-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-027-19-C	Joel Griffith

Additional Discussion:

Mental Health Discussion – The panel should consider a recommendation regarding the culture that minimizes mental health needs. Today’s society tends to treat mental health as optional, when it is just as important as physical health. Mental Health First Aid should be required training to all individuals who interact with children.

Drug Testing Discussion – There should be standard procedure to request the caregivers, at the time of death, to submit a voluntary urinalysis.

Meeting adjourned